

Cleland Wildlife Park wins tourism award for second year in a row

Cleland Wildlife Park has been declared the most outstanding entry in the "Tourist Attractions" category of the South Australian Tourism Awards for the second year in a row.

Cleland Wildlife Park Manager Geoff Underwood, who attended the awards ceremony at the Adelaide Convention Centre last night, said the award cemented the park's position as the state's premier nature-based tourism experience.

"Since it opened in April 1967, Cleland Wildlife Park has continued to enhance its exhibits, and it has become well known across Australia as an iconic nature-based tourism experience," he said.

"The park offers a stunning bushland setting and provides locals and tourists alike with a unique opportunity to interact with many of Australia's most admired fauna including kangaroos and koalas.

"In the past year, Cleland's popularity has grown, with more than 110,000 people visiting the park.

"The award is a credit to the dedicated Department for Environment and Heritage staff who manage the site, as well as the many volunteers who provide invaluable support."

Located in the Adelaide Hills just 20 minutes from the city centre, Cleland Wildlife Park offers responsible, educational and truly rewarding visitor experiences, featuring more than 130 different species of Australian wildlife in an open range environment.

The Koala Close-Ups exhibit is one of only two places in South Australia where visitors can handle a koala.

Visitors can have their koala encounter photographed and take home the souvenir photo within a few minutes of the picture being taken.

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